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The Rahbar-i-Hind of the 10th May states that it is be- 517 copies. Sardar Muhammad Hal- lieved that Mr. Barkley submitted his report on the result of his enquiries yat Khan. in the case of Sardar Muhammad Haiyat Khan to the Panjab Government on the 11th April last, and the Panjab Government sent it on to the Government of India on the 15th idem. Probably the orders of the Government of India will be out in a week or two. Our correspondents contributed many articles about the case, and for this we are very thankful to them. As the report of the Commission is at present under the consideration of the Supreme Government we think it necessary to comment at some length on the case. First, the charges against Muhammad Haiyat Khan were fabricated at Kabul after his return to India owing to illness. Secondly, the charges were fabricated by one or two European officials who were jealous of the influence he had acquired over the higher officers by his important services

in Kurram and Kabul. Thirdly, none of the higher officers under whom he served in Kurram and Kabul had a hand in this cursed affair. Fourthly, the charges against the Sardar were prepared at Kabul without the permission of the Government of India. Fifthly, no enquiry was made from the Sardar at the time of preparing the charges. Sixthly, the original papers of the case remained in the possession of the European officials, who instigated the charges, for a long time. Seventhly, Sardar Muhammad Haiyat Khan was not charged with having done anything against Government. Eighthly, the persons who preferred complaints against the Sardar were all Kabulis whom he had had to injure in the honest discharge of his duty. Ninthly, at first about fifteen or twenty charges were brought against him. But when preliminary enquiries were made about them by the order of the Panjab Government or Government of India, some of them were found to be utterly groundless and were abandoned. The Commission had to enquire into only about ten charges. Tenthly, the Government called for no explanation from the Sardar, but at once suspended him and appointed a Commission for enquiry. Eleventhly, the two European officers who were appointed to assist Mr. Barkley in conducting the enquiry were only Assistant Commissioners. Obviously they belonged to such a low grade of the service that they might be easily prejudiced by the European officers who instigated the charges against the Sardar. Twelfthly, the Sardar was not allowed by Government to bring any pleader to Court to assist him in making defence, while Mr. Walker was appointed to conduct the prosecution. Thirteenthly, the colleagues of Mr. Barkley conducted the enquiry with undue severity. Fourteenthly, it is generally believed that the prosecution was not able to produce the slightest evidence. Fifteenthly, Muhammad Haiyat Khan submitted a long list of the names of Europeans and natives whom he intended to call as witnesses. But only some of them, who were available at hand, were called in and

examined. They were all respectable persons and well acquainted with the conduct of the Sardar. They were subjected to a very severe cross-examination. Sixteenthly, the Commission sat at a place where the Afghans had great influence, and which is a situated at a great distance.

The above remarks are based on the statements of our own correspondents and of our contemporaries, and on sinformation derived from other trustworthy sources. The way in which the original papers of the case appear to have been prepared at Kabul was so objectionable that the Government should not have accepted them. If the Government had called for an explanation from Sardar Mohammad Haiyat Khan in regard to his alleged misconduct, there is reason to think that he would have given a satisfactory answer, and it would not have been necessary to appoint a Commission for enquiry. He was not given any facilities in making his defence. It is rumoured that Mr. Barkley's report is favourable to him, and the Lieutenant-Governor has expressed his concurrence with Mr. Barkley. If the rumour is correct, we are very thankful to them for their justice. But it is not enough that Sardar Muhammad Haiyat Khan should be reinstated in his post. He should be rewarded for his distinguished services in Afghanistan. A very learned and experienced Englishman said that if a Scotch or an Irishman were illtreated in the way in which Sardar Muhammad Haiyat Khan has been, the whole Scotch or Irish nation would have refused to serve the Government. We do not mean that the natives should do what the Scotch or Irish would have done, but our object is only to show that both the natives and Europeans disapprove of the proceedings of Government in the case in question. Muhammad Haiyat Khan's service extends over the last twenty-five years, and during this period he has rendered very important services to Government. General Roberts received so much aid from him in the late Kabul war that he regarded him as his right hand...

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The Koh-i-Núr of the 14th May publishes a long article on the case of Sardar Muhammad The same. Haiyat Khan. The editor disapproves of the proceedings of the Government in the case. He is of opinion that an old officer like the Sardar, who has always performed his duty with ability and honesty, should not have been put on his trial for charges brought against him by such dishonest, unconscientious, and treacherous people as the Afghans. His trial has produced great dissatisfaction in the minds of the natives, especially the native officers. The Koh-i-Núr has also published a vernacular translation of the written answer given by Sardar Muhammad Haiyat Khan to the charges that had been brought against him. (The Anjuman-i-Panjab of the 10th May and the Akhbar-i-Am and the Panjabi Akhbar of the 11th May, referring to Muhammad Haiyat Khan's answer, are satisfied that he has fully refuted the charges, and hope that he will be acquitted by the Government of India.)

Circulation, 250 copies. The Mittr Vilas of the 9th May states that before the terThe improvement of the mination of the Kabul war Lord Ripon declared on several public occasions that his attention was entirely engrossed at the time by the war, but that as soon as the war was ended he would devote his attention to the internal affairs of the country. Now that the war has ended, we hope he will endeavour to improve the condition of the natives.

The same paper briefly refers to the representations made
by Dr. Kavanagh to the Government
of India on behalf of Mulhar Rao, the
ex-Gaekwar, and remarks that the fate of Mulhar Rao is truly
lamentable. The account which Dr. Kavanagh has published
of his present condition brings tears into our eyes. Yakub
Khan, whose subjects killed some of our best officers and gave
immense trouble to our troops, is enjoying the cool breezes of a
hill sanitarium, has the liberty to amuse himself with shooting.

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and has everything he wants readily provided for him; while poor Mulhar Rao, who was always loyal to the Government and never committed any fault, has to live at Madras in the hot weather. Even his servants are not allowed to stir out of his house. He and his wives are strictly watched even during the night. His condition is worse than that of an ordinary prisoner.

The Pramod Sindhu (Amraoti) of the 9th May (received, Circulation, 129 copies.

The proposed abolition of the post of public prosecutor attached to the Judicial Commissioner's Court, Amraoti.

on the 12th idem), referring to the rumour that the post of the public T prosecutor who is attached to the Judicial Commissioner's Court, Am-

raoti, will be abolished and the clerk of the court or the police T inspector will do his work in future, protests against the abolition of the post of public prosecutor. The clerk of the M court or police inspector will not be able to do the work so well in

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The Akhbar-i-Am of the 14th May publishes a communi- Circulation, cated article in which the writer Section 505 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. complains that section 505 of the Code of Criminal Procedure is a great engine of oppression in the hands of the police. Some persons who go to prison for the aft first time for having committed a theft or any other similar and offence may resolve to lead an honest life in future on their aid release, but they are prevented by the police from doing so. As soon as a man of this class is released from the prison the lower police officers demand bribes from him under threat of sending him to the Magistrate under section 505 of the Criminal Procedure Code. He is thus obliged to commit thefts in order to gratify them.

The same paper publishes a brief abstract of the petition as Quarrel between the Hindus of Multan have lo Hindus and Musalmans of submitted to His Honor the Lieute of Hultan the petition the Hindus refer to the alleged misconduct of the Hid Musalmans towards them, protest against the permission

given by the Deputy Commissioner to the Musalmans for the sale of beef at certain places within the town, and pray that they may be allowed to establish their own mutton shops.

Circulation, 125 copies.

A correspondent of the Qaisar-ul-Akhbar (Allahabad) of the 15th May, writing from Soraon The assessment of the license-tax, Soraen, Allahabad), complains that the license-tax has been very improperly assessed in that pargana. The well-to-do mahajans, who have paid bribes to the patwari, have been very lightly taxed, while poor persons have been over-taxed. The tahsildar has implicitly accepted the assessments made by the patwari.

Circulation, 325 copies.

The Nasim-i-Agra of the 15th May urges that the Gov-The establishment of ernment should establish poor-houses poor-houses. in each town for the support of poor men and women. There are many poor pardanashin widows in each town who earn three or four pice a day with difficulty by cotton-spinning or sewing; obviously they can hardly support themselves and their children on such small income. Likewise many men are to be found who cannot earn a livelihood as there is no demand for their services, and the result is that they have to starve, beg alms, or take to thieving. All these classes of men and women should be kept in poor-houses, where they should be fed and each of them should be required to do some kind of work suitable to him A portion of the cost of these houses will be covered by the profit derived from the work done by the inmates, and the remaining portion should be contributed from municipal funds.

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The Shola-i-Tér (Cawnpore) of the 10th May complains that the cultivators are exposed to the chaprasis belonging great inconvenience and loss by the words the cultivators.

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satisfying the chaptasi. During the last season of drought those cultivators in the Cawnpore district who won the goodwill of the chaptasis obtained a sufficient supply of water, and their crops were saved. But the crops of the others perished from want of water. The cultivators should be made acquainted with the rules issued by the Irrigation Department about the supply of water. True, the cultivators have already been furnished with printed copies of these rules by the Irrigation officers, but they themselves cannot read the rules. The patwaris should read out the rules once a week to them. Moreover, as the irrigation tax is collected by the tahsildars, they or their subordinates should make enquiries into any complaints made by the cultivators.

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The Kavivachan Sudha of the 9th May and the Rahbar-iThe appointment of Rae
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The Mirat-al-Hind (Lucknow) for April (received on the 11th May), referring to the expiration of the term of office of Sir George hour of Sir George Couper, Bart., at the end of the current year, urges that, in commemora-

couper College, should be established in that province. The industrial arts and other useful arts and sciences, such as agriculture, mechanics, chemistry, &c., should be taught at the college. Such an institution would be very useful to the people. As regards the cost, half of it should be paid by Government and half by well-to-do classes of the community, as in the case of Canning College. (The Mashir i-Quisar of the 10th May expresses its approval of the establishment of such an institution in memory of Sir George Cosper, Bart.)

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The Jam-i-Jamshed (Moradabad) of the 6th May (received on the 15th idem) bitterly com-The Jam-i-Jamshed and Maulvi Sami-ulla Khan, the Subordinate Judge of plains of the alleged misconduct of Moradabad. Maulvi Sami-ulla Khan, the Subordinate Judge of Moradabad, towards the editor. The editor refers again to the same complaints which he made against the Subordinate Judge in his paper of the 4th February last (see the Selections for the week ending the 15th February, 1881, pages 89 and 90). The editor adds:-"Lately we had occasion to go to the Panjab. In our absence the Subordinate Judge executed a decree, attached our printing-press and lithographic stones and sold them. This execution of the decree was quite illegal. For some time stones were thrown into the house in which our press is situated. If the Government sends for the records of the cases in which we were concerned from the Subordinate Judge's Court, it will at once be convinced of his illegal proceedings. One man lent us Rs. 1,500 in order that we might pay off a decree of his Court. He had lately a suit in his Court. His suit was dismissed simply because he had assisted us with money. The Subordinate Judge is also harassing those men who did not contribute subscriptions to the Aligarh Muhammadan College Fund. He insisted upon a respectable rais personally attending his Court in a case because he had contributed nothing to the College Fund. The Government should interfere and save us from the oppression of the Subordinate Judge."

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Circulation, 517 copies.

The Rahbar-i-Hind of the 10th May, referring to the memorial which has been submitted to memorial which has been submitted to the Government High School the Deputy Commissioner of Jallan-at Jallandhar, Panjab. dhar and the Inspector of Schools by the inhabitants of Jallandhar for the establishment of a Government high school at that place, remarks that the Government should accede to the wishes of the people. They do not like to send their sons to the mission school.

The Anjuman-i-Panjab (Lahore) of the 10th May com-The prevalence of theff plains of the prevalence of theft at at Lahore.

Circulation, 425 copies.

The Muttra correspondent of the Nasim-i-Agra of the A native wounded by of the 15th May states that a European soldier at pean soldier and a Eurasian seated in a boat were engaged in shooting on the bank of the Jumna at Muttra. One of the Hindu mendicants who were burning a dead person at the place was wounded by a shot fired by one of them. As soon as they saw what had occurred they sailed away. The mendicants pursued them, arrested them at the Bengali ghat, and

made them over to the police.

Circulation, 325 copies.

The same paper, in its local news column, states that on the 12th May three or four European soldiers soldiers so severely beat the driver at Agra.

of a hackney carriage that he died after a few hours at the hospital. Europeans were not able to kill so many natives in the time of Lord Lytton, and consequently they are now killing them, as it were, out of revenge. The Government takes no notice of these murders, perhaps because the natives have not a fair complexion like Europeans; but the recognition of such a distinction is opposed to the wishes of Her Majesty. The soldiers who killed the driver have not yet been identified.

The Oudh Akhbar of the 12th May states that Lord Ripon Some Brahmins fed by has done a thing in consequence of Lord Ripon at Barakhpur. which he may justly be considered to be a second Akbar. It appears from a newspaper that he fed 250 poor Brahmins on the bank of the Ganges at Barakhpur. All classes of the people—the Hindus, the Musalmans, and the Christians—will be glad to hear of this Such acts on the part of the rulers are well calculated to produce sympathy between them and the people.

Circulation, 715 copies.

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Circulation, 100 copies, The Lauk-i-Mahfes (Moradabad) has published two articles

The Lauk-i-Mahfes and two pictures in its issues of the 6th
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and 18th May, in which some person
has been grossly abused and ridiculed.

The name of the person is not mentioned, but apparently the editor of the Jám-i-Jamshed, who is on bad terms with the editor of the Lauh-i-Mahfáz, is meant.

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